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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Summary of Status of Amendments and Office Action

An Advisory Action has been mailed on July 9, 2004 wherein the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116, filed June 14, 2004 has not been entered. Entry of the amendment was appropriate because it only included amendment of the specification to update the status of the parent application as required in the Final Office Action. However, amendment of the specification is being made in this instant paper in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.114, and entry is respectfully requested.

Therefore, in the present amendment, the specification has been amended to update the status of the parent application in the manner suggested by the Examiner in the Final Office Action.

Moreover, the specification and claims are amended herein in accordance with the several telephone interviews with Examiners Leung and Tran as will be discussed below. Also, claim 4 has amended to recite that the pipe is filled with balls, such as disclosed at the bottom of page 7. These balls can be variously sized from reaction section to reaction section, or variously sized within a reaction section.

The Final Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5-11, 31, 32 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,275,012 to Kokubo et al. (hereinafter "Kokubo").

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The Final Office Action also rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,388,905 to Ake et al. (hereinafter “Ake”).

The Final Office Action also rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,614,069 to Murry.

The Final Office Action also rejects claims 13 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,543,055 to Pool et al. (hereinafter “Pool”).

The Final Office Action also rejects claims 14-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo in view of Pool, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,482,633 to Muldihara et al. (hereinafter “Muldihara”).

The Final Office Action also rejects claims 25-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,655,879 to Brockman et al. (hereinafter “Brockman”).

Discussion of Telephone Interviews

Applicants express appreciation for the courtesies extended by Examiners Leung and Tran during several telephone interviews, including telephone interviews on July 22, 2004, August 11, 12 and 17, 2004, wherein the rejections of record and the claimed invention were discussed. During these telephone interviews, the Examiners agreed to the amendment of claim 1 to include a high pressure pump with a pressure up to 200 bar for introducing the fats and the alkaline solution to the reaction section the high pressure pump. As discussed with the Examiners, support for this

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recitation appears throughout Applicants' originally filed application including the bottom of page 4.

Still further, the reaction section comprising a static mixer according to Applicants' invention was discussed. It was noted that Applicants' invention includes a reaction section including a static mixer and that downstream of the static mixer there can be components that include dynamic portions. Amendment of the specification and claims to clarify the static mixer of Applicants' invention was discussed, and claim 5 and the specification are amended herein in accordance with these discussions to replace propellers with blades. Still further, while Applicants' invention can include dynamic portions following the static mixer, dependent claims have been canceled to avoid any confusion with the static mixer portion of Applicants' reactor.

Still further, with regard to the rejections of record, it was argued that Kokubo discloses a reaction column including multiple chambers separated from one another by partition panels¹. The chambers of Kokubo each have a stirrer 3 driven by one motor 2. The starting oil or fat, acid and recycling lower alcohol of Kokubo are fed through the top of the column and flow downwards through liquid-transfer openings 4 of the partition panel 1 and then subsequent chambers while they are agitated with stirring blades 3' in each chamber, and finally taken out from the bottom chamber. It was also pointed out that Kokubo discloses that ordinary stirring blades can be used; however, more preferred stirring blades comprise a rotating shaft provided with blades having baffle boards at an end thereof, as disclosed in Kokubo at column 4, lines 16-62.

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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are submitting currently herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to bring additional information to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the information cited therein. Applicants respectfully request that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be forwarded to Applicants with the next communication from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Response to Rejections Under 103(a)

In response to the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully once again submit the following with further arguments presented based upon arguments presented during the telephone interviews.

Each of the rejections utilizes Kokubo, either alone or in combination, in rejecting the pending claims. Moreover, the rejections are basically repeated from the previous Office Action. Moreover, the Advisory Action has indicated that the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 has not been entered. Therefore, for the sake of brevity, Applicants are not repeating each of their arguments as presented in their previous response, but incorporate these arguments herein as if set forth in their entirety. Moreover, the arguments and materials presented in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 are resubmitted herein.

Applicants note that in the Response to Arguments section of the Final Office Action, the Final Office Action disagrees with Applicants' argument that Kokubo does not teach or suggest an

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apparatus in which the reaction section comprises a static mixer. In particular, the Examiner contends that, “The definition of a “static mixer” to one of ordinary skill in the art is a device in which fluids are mixed by means of flow past a stationary or fixed mixing element.” Thus, the Examiner contends that as illustrated in Figures 3 and 4 and cited in column 4, lines 25-45, Kokubo discloses a reactor comprising a static mixer, as reaction section (1) comprises a stationary or fixed mixing element in the form of a static partition panel 1 having opening 4, which the Examiner contends inherently provided additional mixing of the fluids upon accelerated flow the fluids through the restricted opening.

In response, Applicants respectfully submit that the interpretation of Kokubo as comprising a static mixer is without appropriate basis, and the rejection is therefore not adequately supported, and should be withdrawn. For example, Applicants note that the Final Office Action is only partially correct in defining a “static mixer” as comprising a device in which fluids are mixed by means of flow past a stationary or fixed mixing element. In this regard, Applicants do not contest that static mixers include flow past stationary or fixed mixing elements. However, a static mixer also does not have moving parts. In contrast, Kokubo includes a mixer including turbine blades 3’ comprising 4 blades in each chamber which are rotated by the motor. Certainly, the mixing in Kokubo is dynamic, and there is absolutely no teaching or suggestion in Kokubo that the mixing can be achieved with a static mixer.

To assist the Examiner’s understanding of static mixing as compared to dynamic mixing, Applicants submit herewith a copy of “Post Mixing Optimization and Solutions, printed from the Internet at http://www.postmixing.com/mixing%20forum/staticmix/static_mixers.htm on June 11,

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2004. As can be seen from a review of this document, static mixers are different from traditional (dynamic) mixers because there are no moving parts. Still further, Applicants also include herewith a copy of Understanding Motionless Mixers obtained from the Internet at http://www.chemicalprocessing.com/Web_First/cp.nsf/ArticleID/DGRN-4QFQRM/ on June 11, 2004.¹

During the above-noted interviews, the Examiners indicated that the static mixer as recited by Applicants is not disclosed in Kokubo. However, if the Examiner maintains this rejection, the Examiner is respectfully requested to support the rejection by providing documentary evidence to support the position that Kokubo discloses a static mixer. In this regard, Applicants submit that Kokubo discloses a dynamic mixer, and does not teach or suggest a static mixer as disclosed and claimed by Applicants.

Still further, the Examiner contends that Kokubo discloses a pump and a quantitative pump, and contends that the limitation of “high-pressure” provides no additional structural limitation to Applicants’ disclosed pumping means, since the operational pressure of the pump is not an element of the apparatus, but a process limitation which is asserted to hold no patentable weight in apparatus claims.

¹ The documents submitted with this response are submitted in accordance with MPEP 609(C)(3) as part of Applicants’ reply to the Office Action in support of an argument so that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 need not be met, and the information is being submitted as part of the record with the reply for the Examiner’s consideration with Applicants’ reply.

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In response, Applicants respectfully submit that a high pressure pump is a structural limitation that must be given weight in an apparatus claim. For example, one having ordinary skill in the art would readily understand that regular pumps are constructed and arranged to operate at lower pressures than high pressure pumps which are constructed and arranged to operate at lower pressures than ultra high pressure pumps. For example, regular pumps are constructed and arranged to operate with a pressure up to 40 or a maximum of 60 bar (4 or 6 MPa), high pressure pumps are constructed and arranged to operate with a pressure up to 200 bar (20 MPa), and ultra high pressure pumps are constructed and arranged to operate at 200-400 bar (20-40 MPa).

Moreover, the Examiner's attention is directed to the bottom of page 4 of Applicants' specification wherein it is disclosed that an advantage of the present invention is that the pressure at the beginning of transesterification can be up to 200 bar.

Still further, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed page Pumping of Liquids and Gases, page 10-29, 1999 by the The McGraw-Hill Companies; 150J3W High Pressure Pressure Pump, downloaded from the Internet Site <http://www.jetech.com/products/150j3w.asp> on June 12, 2004; Model 600G3 High & Ultra-High Pressure Pump, downloaded from the Internet Site http://www.jetech.com/products/600_g3.asp on June 12, 2004; and Bran+Luebbe, NOVAPLEX pumps downloaded from the Internet Site <http://www.spxprocessequipment.com/sites/branluebbe/global/eng/products/process/novaplex/html/novaplex.html> under Data Sheet (Download PDF) on June 14, 2004. These documents show that one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that a high pressure pumps are structured and

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arranged to be high pressure pumps, and that Kokubo does not teach or suggest a high pressure pump.

Still further, as discussed above claim 1 has been amended to recite “through a high pressure pump with a pressure up to 200 bar for introducing the fats and the alkaline solution to the reaction section”. During the above-noted interviews, the Examiners indicated that this amendment would further structurally distinguish the pump recited in Applicants’ claims.

Regarding claim 4, Applicants once again respectfully submit that Ake is non-analogous art, and that one having ordinary skill in the art would not modify Kokubo with balls as taught by Ake. For example, as noted above, Kokubo discloses a mixer including turbine blades 3’ comprising 4 blades in each chamber which are rotated by the motor turbines. One having ordinary skill in the art would not modify the structure of Kokubo to include balls therein, especially when such balls would be expected to interfere with the rotation of the turbine blades 3’.

During the above-noted interviews, arguments were presented regarding a lack of any teaching or suggestion to modify the dynamic mixer of Kokubo to comprise a static mixer. The Examiner’s appears to agree with this argument, but indicated that they would further review the record and prior art to ascertain if the rejection can be maintained or supplemented.

Still further, while the issue is moot following entry of the present amendment, there is no motivation for modifying Kokubo to include a reaction section comprising an ultrasound device. The rejection cannot merely point to isolated disclosure in Murry, and without any motivation to modify the structure disclosed in Kokubo.

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Similarly, the rejections applying Pool, Muldihara and Brockman are without appropriate basis in that the rejections apply the isolated disclosures of the documents, but do supply adequate motivation for modifying Kokubo. In this regard, Kokubo is disclosed to be structured and arranged for continuous refining of oils and fats utilized the specific structure disclosed therein including the disclosed turbine mixers. Moreover, none of these documents overcomes the above-noted deficiencies of Kokubo even if for the sake of argument Kokubo is modifiable with any of their disclosures.

In view of the above, the rejections of record should be withdrawn and all of the claims indicated to be allowable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

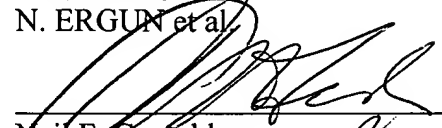
In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections and rejections of record, and allow each of the pending claims.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that an early indication of allowance of the application be indicated by the mailing of the Notices of Allowance and Allowability.

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Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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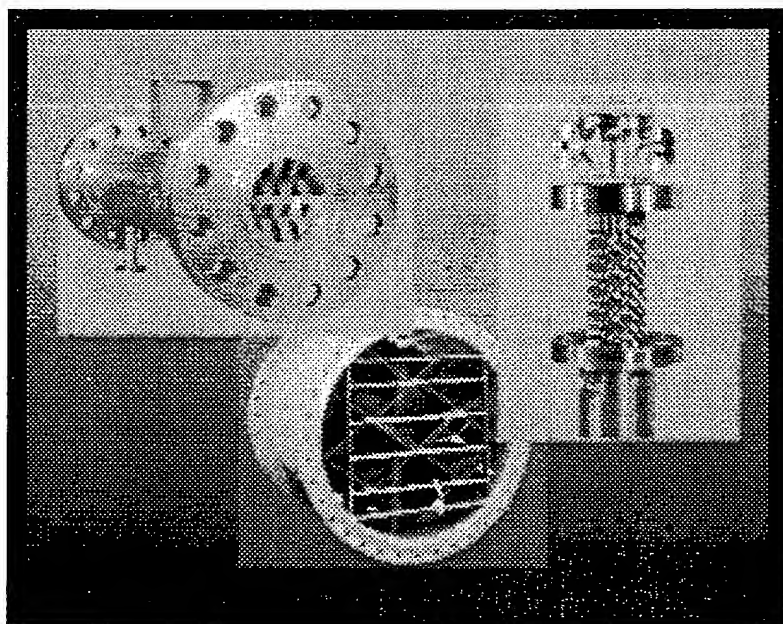


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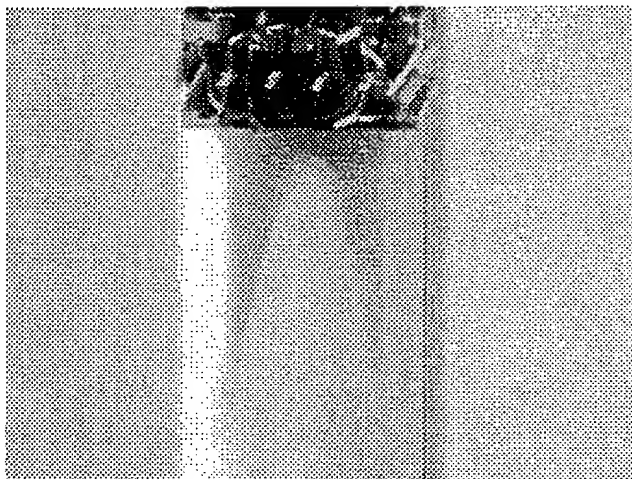
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Static Mixers are different from traditional (dynamic) mixers because there are no moving parts. Most processes utilize pumps to transfer chemicals from one reactor to another. The static mixer contains plates or baffles in various shapes, which are attached to the pipe and are therefore stationary. As the fluids are pumped by these obstacles, turbulence and the physical shifting of the fluid elements causes the fluids to mix. Here is a video (courtesy of Sulzer Chemtech) that shows the concept of mixing using static mixers. This video is 5.4 Mb and it will take about 1-2 minutes to upload if you are using a high-speed connection. If you are dialing up, you may want to skip this.

There will be more video clips of this type spread out in the various categories in

the Mixing Forum. Below are some jumping links to some of these clips, if you are only interested in static mixing. If you would like any assistance in applying static mixers to your process, please contact us.

- Turbulent mixing of two fluid streams: Miscible Liquids - Blending and Mixing Times
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Motionless mixers are low-shear, continuous in-line devices that can mix a large variety of materials to various consistencies.

Motionless mixers, also referred to as static mixers, generally rely on the sequential splitting of two components that must be mixed. The mixers are almost maintenance-free and do not rely on external power sources, except for the pump, to overcome pressure losses in the mixer.

Suitable for blending, dispersion and heat transfer, among other applications, the motionless mixer has garnered considerable interest from the chemical processing industry. The industry has a need for equipment that facilitates the uniform mixing of different fluid-type phases, powder- or granular-type materials, and combinations of fluids, gases and solids in continuous processes.

Spiral-geometry mixers

A particularly successful, yet simple, unit is the spiral-geometry mixer. The mixer has metallic or composite strips that are twisted, machined or injection-molded 180 degrees to form helical elements. These elements provide either right-hand or left-hand rotation. Alternate right- and left-hand elements then are joined so their respective leading and trailing edges are mutually perpendicular.

Spiral-type motionless mixer geometry is based on a design concept developed by Arthur J. Little in the 1960s. In the early 80s, the design was improved further by equipment companies to handle two-component high-viscosity applications. This design worked especially well in the adhesives and sealant industries.

Process streams entering the mixer are divided into numerous substreams as they spiral through the mixer. These substreams are recombined progressively and redivided between opposing baffles in an overlapping manner, making fluid channeling impossible. The number of flow divisions becomes very high, producing a mathematically predictable blend.

The spiral-geometry mixers' operation is relatively simple: If two fluids, A and B, are injected separately into the semicircular passage formed on either side of the first element, the physical constraint of the helix will cause the two streams to rotate as they flow along the tube.

In the first element, half of the total channel cross-section is filled with fluid A and the other with fluid B. Upon entering the second element, each semicircular stream is split as a result of the perpendicular orientation of adjacent elements. The two layers, A and B, flow in both passages of the second element. The flow then rotates in the opposite direction as a result of the left-handed orientation of the second helix.

This process is repeated at the interface between adjacent elements, so the number of layers of both fluids in each semicircular passage is doubled by each element. Therefore, a mixer containing six elements would produce 2^6 (64) alternate layers of fluids A and B in each semicircular passage when exiting the mixer, as expressed in Equation 1:

$$d = \frac{L}{n} (1)$$

where:

d = the striation thickness;

D = the pipe's inner diameter;

2 = the number of splits in the stream;

N = the number of elements.

Motionless mixers vs. dynamic mixers

Motionless mixers fit right into the pipeline and consist of flanged ends, a piece of pipe and some twisted metal configurations to direct the mixing flow. Motionless mixers do not need to be plugged in, as do dynamic mixers, and so have lower capital and operating costs.

The horsepower required for a motionless mixer can be calculated by: $0.262 \times \text{pressure drop (psi)} \times \text{flowrate (cfs)}$.

Motionless mixers are plug-flow devices used in continuous operation; therefore, they have a greater tendency than dynamic mixers to plug up when mixing sludges, certain slurries and most fibers.

Motionless mixers have a uniformly controlled degree of flow and shear, whereas dynamic mixers have some backmixing with variations of flow and shear throughout the vessel, both near and far from the impeller.

The degree of mixing in a motionless mixer is dependent on the flowrate through the mixer. Increasing or reducing the flowrate will affect the degree of mixing. In a dynamic mixer, the impeller rpm always can be increased or decreased to adjust for a change in process conditions.

Motionless mixer operation

Motionless mixers operate on the principles of diffusion, convection and shear to achieve homogeneous blends.

Blending is a function of:

$$\text{Blending} = f \left\{ \mu, \mu_1, \mu_2, \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}, \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}, \frac{V_1}{V_2}, n, \frac{L}{D}, \text{Inj.} \right\}$$

where:

Re = Reynolds number;

μ = absolute viscosity;

μ_1/μ_2 = viscosity ratio of unmixed streams;

ρ_1/ρ_2 = density ratio of unmixed streams;

V_1/V_2 = volumetric ratio of unmixed streams;

v = shear rate;

n = number of elements;

L/D = element length-to-diameter ratio;

Inj. = injection method of additive stream.

The Reynolds number can be calculated by:

$$Re = 1100 \frac{Q \times SG}{\mu \times D} \quad (2)$$

where:

Q = flowrate (U.S. gpm);

sg = specific gravity;

μ = viscosity (cP);

D = pipe inner diameter (in.).

The number of mixing elements required in a motionless mixer can be calculated by determining the flow region, as calculated by the Reynolds number, shown in Table 1.

Reynolds number	Number of spiral elements	Flow characteristics
< 10	10	Laminar (stagnant flow)
20 to 100	12	Laminar through transitional
300 to 1,000	6	Transitional
1,000 to 1,600	4	Turbulent
> 1,600	2	Turbulent

The mixing and shear rates are determined by calculating the pressure drop across the motionless

mixer:

$$\Delta P_M = \frac{32.5 \times 10^{-3} \times f \times L \times Q^2}{d^5} \quad (3)$$

where:

ΔP_p = pipe pressure drop (psi);

f = Darcy friction factor;

L = element length (in.).

The pressure drop across the mixer can be determined from the pressure drop across an empty pipe and the coefficient of friction caused by the motionless mixer elements:

$$\Delta P_M = \Delta P_p \times C_f \quad (4)$$

where:

P = empty pipe;

M = mixer;

C_f = coefficient of friction.

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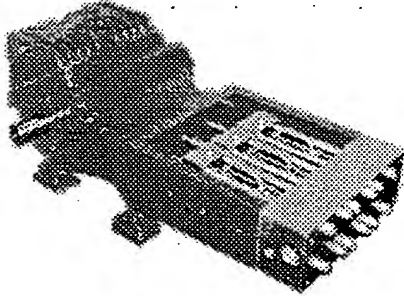
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Suct.	Disc.		Suct.	Disc.	
0.123	0.079		0.28	0.15	

Capacity

CAPACITY IN GPM - 100% VOLUMETRIC EFFICIENCY				
40k UH - CYLINDER				
PUMP SPEED	9/16" DIA. 40,000 PSI	5/8" DIA. 30,000 PSI	3/4" DIA. 20,000 PSI	7/8" DIA. 15,000 PSI
RPM	GPM	GPM	GPM	GPM
100	1.20	1.50	2.15	2.92

200	2.40	3.00	4.30	5.85
300	3.60	4.50	6.45	7.78
400	4.80	6.00	8.60	11.68
450	5.40	6.70	9.70	13.20
500	6.00	7.50	10.70	14.70

CAPACITY IN GPM - 100% VOLUMETRIC EFFICIENCY							
20k H - SUPER STANDARD CYLINDER							
PUMP SPEED	3/4" DIA. 20,000 PSI	7/8" DIA. 15,000 PSI	15/16" DIA. 13,000 PSI	1" DIA. 11,000 PSI	1-1/16" DIA. 10,000 PSI	1-1/8" DIA. 9,000 PSI	1-3/16" DIA. 8,000 PSI
RPM	GPM	GPM	GPM	GPM	GPM	GPM	GPM
100	2.15	2.92	3.30	3.83	4.31	4.84	5.40
200	4.30	5.85	6.60	7.65	8.62	9.68	10.80
300	6.45	7.78	9.90	11.47	12.94	14.52	16.20
400	8.60	11.68	13.20	15.30	17.26	19.36	21.60
450	9.70	13.20	14.80	17.21	19.40	21.78	24.30
500	10.70	14.70	16.50	19.12	21.60	24.20	27.00

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100	34 LPM 9 GPM	52 LPM 14 GPM	71 LPM 18 GPM
200	68 LPM 19 GPM	104 LPM 28 GPM	142 LPM 36 GPM
300	102 LPM 28 GPM	156 LPM 42 GPM	213 LPM 54 GPM
400	136 LPM 38 GPM	208 LPM 56 GPM	284 LPM 72 GPM

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The delivery rate is continuously variable from 0% to 100%, and operation is not affected by high suction pressures. The high overall efficiency reduces running costs.

Even under extreme loads, in continuous operation or with frequent start ups and variable load conditions, NOVAPLEX pumps deliver high accuracy, security and long life. They can be safely used in explosive atmospheres.

NOVAPLEX pumps consist of individual units (pump head and gear) which can be combined with a drive and extended to multiple pump assemblies up to seven units. The pump diaphragms are available in PTFE or stainless steel.

Advantages of double-diaphragm design

High operating security

- Patented diaphragm position control system protects the diaphragm from overload and increases its life.

- Diaphragm condition monitoring system signals the onset of wear or damage. Delivery performance is maintained until the diaphragm is changed.

- Pressure limiting valve protects the pump against damage from excessive pressure in the production process.

- Starting against process pressure without run-up assistance.

Security for product and environment

- Multi-layer diaphragm protects the pumped liquid from contamination
- Leak-proof hermetically sealed pump head protects operators and environment against aggressive or toxic product

Diaphragm pump technology

The plunger movement is transmitted to the freely moving membrane via hydraulic fluid. The membrane forms a hermetic seal which separates the hydraulic fluid from the pumped liquid. The patented diaphragm position control system protects the double-diaphragm from overload, extending its life and reducing running costs. The average diaphragm life can exceed 20000 operating hours.

Equipped to your requirements

Pump head technology

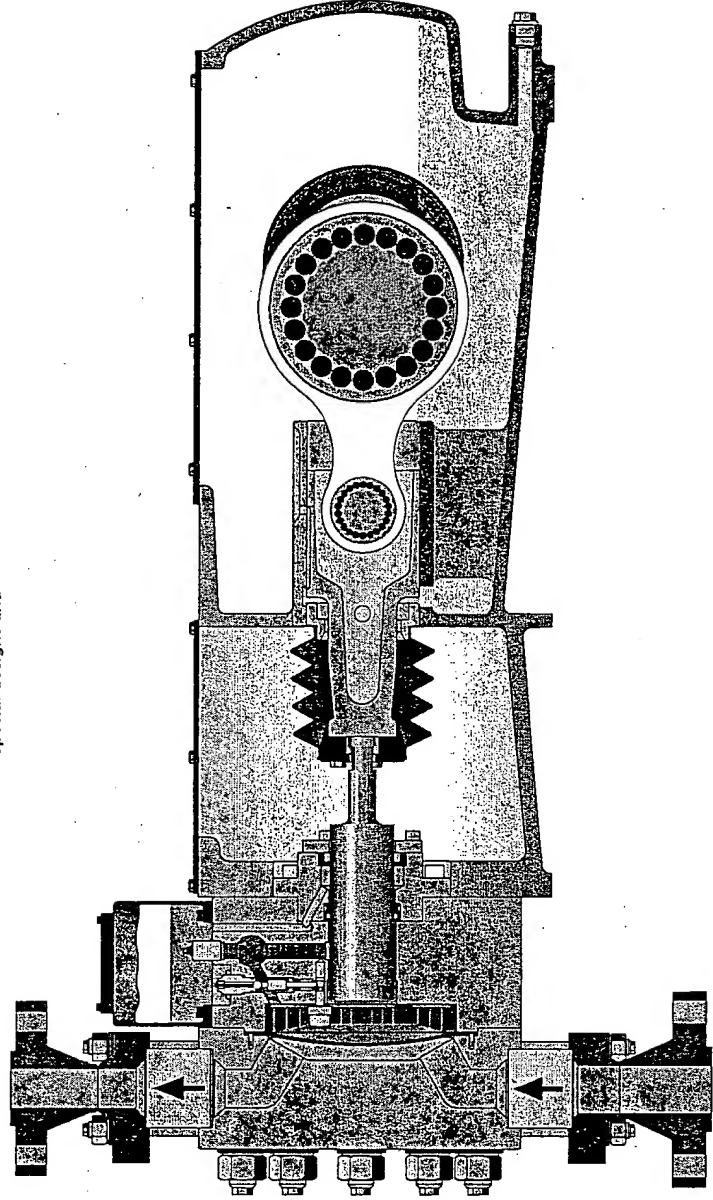
- Hydraulically actuated PTFE double-diaphragm (up to 400 bar)
 - Hydraulically actuated stainless steel double-diaphragm (up to 700 bar)
 - Pump head and valve housing in stainless steel. Special materials available for individual applications
 - Suction and discharge valves in various geometries with or without spring loading
- Special designs and

The modular conception of NOVAPLEX pumps allows multiplex pumps with up to 7 units.

All bearings are fitted with roller bearings. This ensures long life even under extreme operating conditions. High suction pressures, infinitely variable rotation speed from zero to maximum, frequent start ups or continuous operation at low speed are no problem.

Gears use the well-proven immersion lubrication principle for complete reliability.

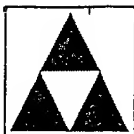
Robust gears in modular design



- Process liquid
- Hydraulic fluid under variable pressure
- Atmospheric pressure
- Lubrication oil

Leak-proof diaphragm pump-heads

Bran+Luebbe supplies a comprehensive range of hydraulically actuated diaphragm pump heads for all gear sizes. The flow rates range from a few hundred litres per hour to over 50 m³/h at pressures up to 700 bar and temperatures from -20°C to +150°C.



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Free choice of drives

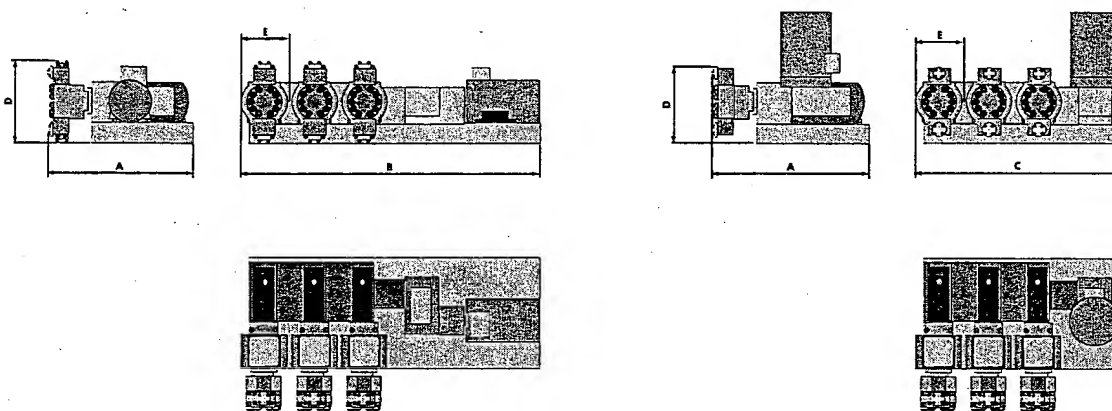
A further advantage of the modular concept is that all types of drive, including electric motors, combustion engines and hydraulic drives can be freely used.

The positioning of the drive depends on individual installation requirements and is to customer specification. Different gears are available, including bevel or angled types.

The flow rate is steplessly adjustable via the rotation speed of the drive. Asynchronous AC motors with frequency converters are particularly economical, but other types of speed regulation may also be used.

Layout and dimensions

Example: Triplex version



Horizontal motor position with spur gear

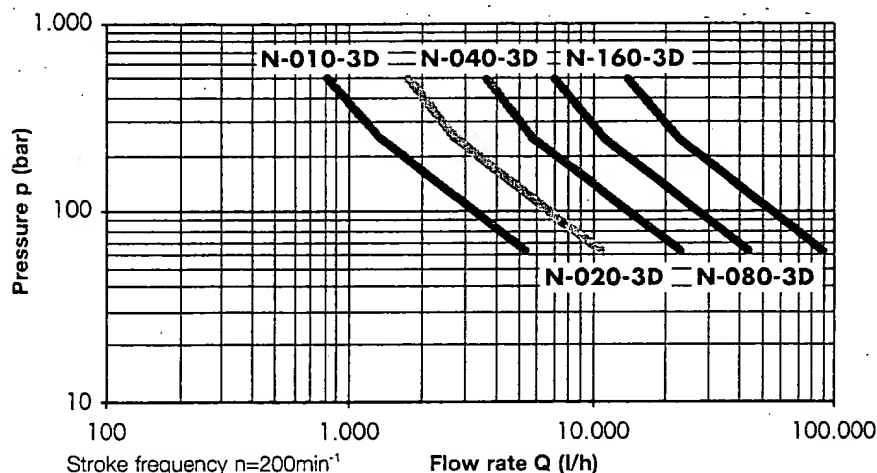
Vertical motor position with angular gear

Main dimensions in mm*

NOVAPLEX	A	B	C	D	E
N-010-3D	1100	2000	1400	700	370
N-020-3D	1200	2500	1800	800	410
N-040-3D	1600	3000	2100	1000	520
N-080-3D	2000	3700	2700	1200	660
N-160-3D	2200	4400	3300	1300	820

* Dimensions are reference figures only. Exact dimensions depend on the size of pump head, motor and gear.

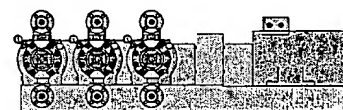
Characteristics NOVAPLEX process pumps with PTFE-diaphragm



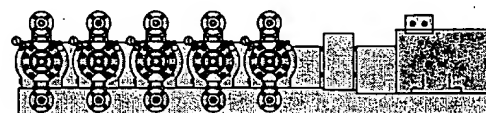
Examples of NOVAPLEX pump combinations

Three to seven pump units may be combined.

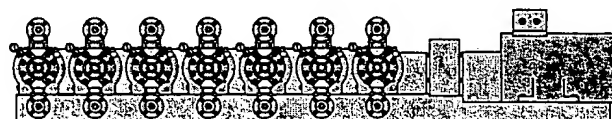
Type	Nominal pressure bar	Plunger Ø mm	Flow rate Q*		
			Triplex l/h	Quintuplex l/h	Septuplex l/h
010	400	22	821	1368	1915
	250	28	1330	2216	3103
	160	36	2198	3664	5130
	100	45	3435	5725	8016
	63	56	5320	8867	12413
020	400	32	1737	2895	4053
	250	40	2714	4524	6333
	160	50	4241	7068	9896
	100	63	6733	11222	15711
	63	80	10857	18096	25334
040	400	36	3664	6107	8550
	250	45	5725	9542	13360
	160	56	8867	14778	20689
	100	70	13854	23091	32327
	63	90	22902	38171	53440
080	400	50	7068	11781	16493
	250	63	11222	18704	26185
	160	80	18096	30160	42224
	100	100	28275	47125	65975
	63	125	44180	73633	103086
160	400	63	14028	23380	
	250	80	22620	37700	
	160	100	35344	58906	
	100	125	55225	92041	
	63	160	90480	150801	



Triplex process pump



Quintuplex process pump



Septuplex process pump

* Volumetric efficiency $\eta = 100\%$, stroke frequency $n = 200\text{min}^{-1}$

Note: Allow for liquid transmission losses.

PUMPING OF LIQUIDS AND GASES 10-29

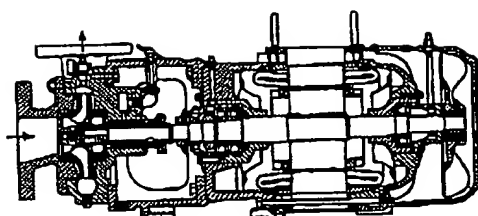


FIG. 10-38 Close-coupled pump.

Close-Coupled Pumps (Fig. 10-38) Pumps equipped with a built-in electric motor or sometimes steam-turbine-driven (i.e., with pump impeller and driver on the same shaft) are known as close-coupled pumps. Such units are extremely compact and are suitable for a variety of services for which standard iron and bronze materials are satisfactory. They are available in capacities up to about 450 m³/h (2000 gal/min) for heads up to about 73 m (240 ft). Two-stage units in the smaller sizes are available for heads to about 150 m (500 ft).

Canned-Motor Pumps (Fig. 10-39) These pumps command considerable attention in the chemical industry. They are close-coupled units in which the cavity housing the motor rotor and the pump casing are interconnected. As a result, the motor bearings run in the process liquid and all seals are eliminated. Because the process liquid is the bearing lubricant, abrasive solids cannot be tolerated. Standard single-stage canned-motor pumps are available for flows up to 160 m³/h (700 gal/min) and heads up to 76 m (250 ft). Two-stage units are available for heads up to 183 m (600 ft). Canned-motor pumps are being widely used for handling organic solvents, organic heat-transfer liquids, and light oils as well as many clean toxic or hazardous liquids or for installations in which leakage is an economic problem.

Vertical Pumps In the chemical industry, the term vertical process pump (Fig. 10-40) generally applies to a pump with a vertical shaft having a length from drive end to impeller of approximately 1 m (3.1 ft) minimum to 20 m (66 ft) or more. Vertical pumps are used as either wet-pit pumps (immersed) or dry-pit pumps (externally mounted) in conjunction with stationary or mobile tanks containing difficult-to-handle liquids. They have the following advantages: the liquid level is above the impeller, and the pump is thus self-priming; and the shaft seal is above the liquid level and is not wetted by the pumped liquid, which simplifies the sealing task. When no bottom connections are permitted on the tank (a safety consideration for highly corrosive or toxic liquid), the vertical wet-pit pump may be the only logical choice.

These pumps have the following disadvantages: intermediate or line bearings are generally required when the shaft length exceeds about 3 m (10 ft) in order to avoid shaft resonance problems; these

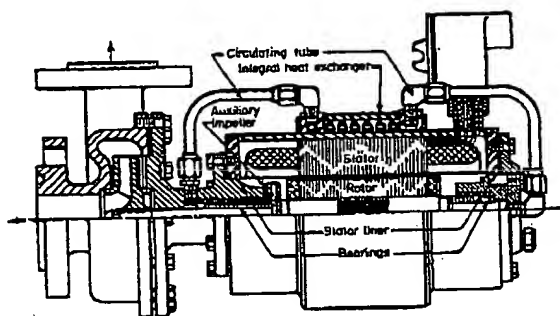


FIG. 10-39 Canned-motor pump (Courtesy of Chem pump Division, Crane Co.)

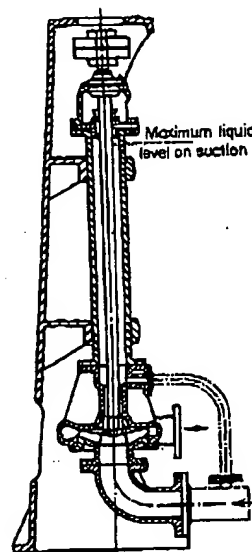


FIG. 10-40 Vertical process pump for dry-pit mounting. (Courtesy of Lawrence Pumps, Inc.)

bearings must be lubricated whenever the shaft is rotating. Since all wetted parts must be corrosion-resistant, low-cost materials may not be suitable for the shaft, column, etc. Maintenance is more costly since the pumps are larger and more difficult to handle.

For abrasive service, vertical cantilever designs requiring no line or foot bearings are available. Generally, these pumps are limited to about a 1-m (3.1-ft) maximum shaft length. Vertical pumps are also used to pump waters to reservoirs. One such application in the Los Angeles water basin has fourteen 4-stage pumps, each pump requiring 80,000 Hp to drive them.

Sump Pumps These are small single-stage vertical pumps used to drain shallow pits or sumps. They are of the same general construction as vertical process pumps but are not designed for severe operating conditions.

Multistage Centrifugal Pumps These pumps are used for services requiring heads (pressures) higher than can be generated by a single impeller. All impellers are in series, the liquid passing from one impeller to the next and finally to the pump discharge. The total head then is the summation of the heads of the individual impellers. Deepwell pumps, high-pressure water-supply pumps, boiler-feed pumps, fire pumps, and charge pumps for refinery processes are examples of multistage pumps required for various services.

Multistage pumps may be of the volute type (Fig. 10-41), with single- or double-suction impellers (Fig. 10-42), or of the diffuser type (Fig. 10-43). They may have horizontally split casings or, for extremely high pressures, 20 to 40 MPa (3000 to 6000 lb/in²), vertically split barrel-type exterior casings with inner casings containing diffusers, interstage passages, etc.

PROPELLER AND TURBINE PUMPS

Axial-Flow (Propeller) Pumps (Fig. 10-44) These pumps are essentially very-high-capacity low-head units. Normally they are designed for flows in excess of 450 m³/h (2000 gal/min) against heads of 15 m (50 ft) or less. They are used to great advantage in closed-loop circulation systems in which the pump casing becomes merely an elbow in the line. A common installation is for calandria circulation. A characteristic curve of an axial-flow pump is given in Fig. 10-45.

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